

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks. Claims 11, 13-14 and 16-20 are in the application. Claims 1-10, 12 and 15 have been canceled. Claims 11, 16, 18 and 19 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

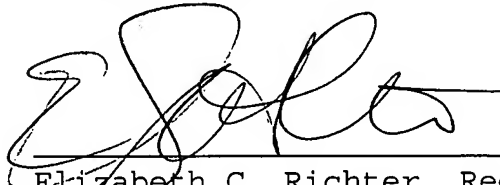
The Examiner objected to claim 11 for a typing error. Claim 11 has been amended accordingly.

The Examiner rejected claims 11-14 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lesar in view of Haack et al. The Examiner stated that claims 15-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has amended claim 11 to include the elements of claim 15, now canceled. Claims 16, 18 and 19 have been amended to be placed in independent form. Claims 13, 14 and 20 depend from claim 11, and claim 17 depends from claim 16. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 11, 13-14 and 16-20 as amended are patentable over the cited references, taken either singly or in

combination. Early allowance of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

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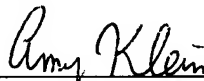


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